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STATEMENT BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEVE SILVERMAN ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

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The issues raised by the Environmental Working Group report are serious and deserve close scrutiny.

The Montgomery County Council, which sits as the County Board of Health, is committed to protecting the public health of all County residents, most especially expectant mothers and their children.

We believe that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has done a good job of assuring us safe drinking water. And this County has worked mightily to improve the water quality of our rivers and streams through sound land use policies, and to address issues of soil erosion and agricultural run-off.

Still, this Council will leave no stone unturned in examining the charges made by the report about the quality of the water that WSSC delivers to our homes, offices, and schools.

The Council will examine this issue on Tuesday, January 22 at 8:45 a.m. At that time, we will want to hear from the authors of the report, from WSSC, and from our County health and environmental officials.

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